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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 1674

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, GR  
SUBJ: SEQUESTERED CARGO FROM SS LASH ESPANA

REF: STATE 19679 (DTG 281520Z JAN 77)

1. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL CASE WHEN GOG TOOK U.S.-OWNED AMMUNITION STORED AT NATO DEPOT, SOUDA BAY, IN JULY 1974. SHORTAGES WERE DISCOVERED MID-1975. EVENTUAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN CHIEF HELLENIC AIR FORCE AND CHIEF JUSMAGG, PER STATE/DEFENSE GUIDANCE, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL MISSING ITEMS THAT COULD BE RETURNED AND PAYMENT ON A CASH BASIS FOR THE REMAINDER. AS TO PAYMENT, THE HAF IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A LETTER OF OFFER ON FEBRUARY 28 FOR \$2.1 MILLION FOR ITEMS NOT RETURNED. ARRIVING AT THAT AGREEMENT WAS A VERY COMPLICATED PROCESS, INVOLVING INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS, MUCH TIME AND ENERGY.

2. THE LASH ESPANA CASE INVOLVES AMMUNITION OF LESS VALUE (\$1.2 MILLION), HET THE PROCESS OF RESTITUTION COULD BE COMPARABLY COMPLICATED. THUS, THE FIRST  
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REFTEL OPTION COULD BE QUITE COMPLEX. OPTIONS 2 AND 3 APPEAR MUCH CLEANER TO US AND, OF THOSE TWO, OPTION 2 WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN OUR VIEW BECAUSE IT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE USG TO OVERRULE THE AGREED ITEM CONTENT OF THE FY-77 MAP.

3. A DETERMINATION AS TO HOW U.S.- GREEK RELATIONS WOULD

BEST BE SERVED--AND WHICH OPTIONS WE MIGHT WISH TO  
PRESENT AS "PREFERRED" -- SHOULD HOWEVER AWAIT AN  
INITIAL "FACT-FINDING" APPROACH. WE WOULD PROPOSE  
THEREFORE TO HAVE CHIEF JUSMAGG, AS BEFORE, CONTACT THE  
GOG AT A SENIOR MILITARY LEVEL AND OPEN THE MATTER.  
SINCE MORE THAN ONE GREEK SERVICE IS INVOLVED, THE HELLENIC  
ARMED FORCES CHIEF WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE INTERLOCUTOR.  
AS A FIRST STEP, WHEN INSTRUCTED, HE WOULD INDICATE WE  
HAVE A PROBLEM THAT MUST BE SOLVED AND ASK WHAT DISPOSITION  
HAS BEEN MADE OF THE ITEMS TAKEN. ADDRESSEES WOULD THEN  
BE ADVISED OF THE REPLY AND OUR PROPOSED RESPONSE.  
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